



Complete Set of Claims Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3)

28. (amended) A method for treating or preventing atherosclerosis in a human or animal comprising administering to said human or animal an antigenic vaccine peptide comprising a universal helper T cell epitope portion linked to a B cell epitope portion, wherein said B cell epitope portion comprises a B cell epitope of CETP.

29. (amended) The method according to claim 28, wherein said helper T cell epitope portion comprises a helper T cell epitope derived from an antigenic peptide selected from the group consisting of tetanus toxoid, diphtheria toxoid, pertussis vaccine, Bacille Calmette-Guerin (BCG), polio vaccine, measles vaccine, mumps vaccine, rubella vaccine, purified protein derivative of tuberculin, keyhole limpet hemocyanin, hsp70, and combinations thereof.

37. (amended) The method according to claim 28, wherein said B cell epitope portion of the antigenic vaccine peptide comprises 6 to 26 consecutive amino acids of the carboxyl terminal 26 amino acids of human cholesteryl ester transfer protein (SEQ ID NO:1).

38. The method according to claim 37, wherein the vaccine peptide comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

39. The method according to claim 37, wherein the vaccine peptide comprises a dimer of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.